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Philadelphia, 9th Nov 1779.

My dear Sir,

Your favors of the 9th & 20th ult. have come to hand. I am extremely obliged by the continuance of your letters, and should have done myself the honor of writing more particularly if I had certainly known where to have directed my letters to be left in order that they might find a safe conveyance without the danger of their being interrupted. However I have wrote Gen. Phillips some anecdotes respecting the management of foreign ambassadors with the names of persons elected for that purpose &c. which as you are acquainted with many characters there might be somewhat amusing. There seems a little prospect of obtaining a foreign loan in some of the Low Countries. Our friend Mr H. L— is to negotiate that business. No official accounts from Count D Estaing, since that of his having besieged the Savannah— nor of the movements of the enemy worth notice since their evacuating R. Island. In Dunlaps paper of last Saturday you will see a very curious manifesto which may be relied upon as an authentic although not officially received. I must beg of you to seal the cover directed to Mrs Peabody enclosing its contents and forward it, after having read the News-papers. I take this method as being less expensive, and may serve for the purpose of communicating the news to you and my friends in Atkinson without much inconvenience. I have heard that our friend S. H— of Exeter is charged with being guilty of evil communications &c. I most sincerely wish you success in detecting those secret-plotters who cease not day and night to prey upon the vitals of America. When the truth comes to light it will be found there is more than one or two in the conspiracy— by this days paper you observe the treatment that such people meet with in this state. Nine persons have been convicted & are to suffer death for being concerned in counterfeit money and other treasonable practices— but I find I am mistaken as to its being in the paper.

I am, my dear Sir, with sentiments of esteem
your most obt. & very humble servt.
Nathl Peabody.

The Hon. Josiah Bartlett.

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